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Memo to: Clayton Rich
Dean
School of Medicine
Stanford University

Subject: Resignation as Chairman, Department of Genetics

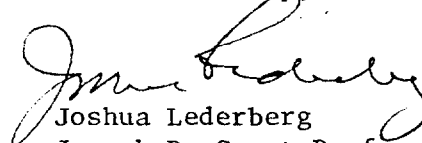
Dear Clay:

This memorandum is just to give you something for the record. I would have no hope of expressing adequately all of my feelings evoked by my prospective move to The Rockefeller University. There is one thing that I do want to say, and for the record, and that is to express my own admiration and appreciation for your leadership of the School of Medicine. Your personal presence is one of the things that made it far more difficult to contemplate the move than would have been the case otherwise. I am sure that in the years to come I will have an even keener appreciation of the kinds of problem that you have had to struggle with in this setting.

At any rate, let us be on with it. This is to record my resignation as Chairman of the Department of Genetics to be effective July 1, 1978 and as Joseph D. Grant Professor of Genetics effective September 1, 1978. The latter date is the outside limit and may be subject to some further discussion as detailed arrangements for my transition from Stanford to The Rockefeller University are worked out.

The Department of Genetics will be facing many deadlines in the submission and review of Departmental research and training programs during the next several months. I cannot stress too strongly the urgency of making arrangements for an orderly succession of authority, the want of which would put the Department in very serious prejudice with respect to its fiscal and academic viability.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Joshua Lederberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joshua" being more prominent and the last name "Lederberg" written in a more compact, cursive style.

Joshua Lederberg
Joseph D. Grant Professor of Genetics